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Response To Non-Final Office Action

This is in response to the non-Final Office Action dated October 23, 2001 in the above-identified application, the term for response having been extended three (3) months by including the appropriate fee and petition herewith.

In response to the Office Action, please make the following changes to the application:

In the claims:

Please add the following new claims:

A sustained-release formulation for oral administration containing a cGMP PDE-5 inhibitor, wherein the cGMP PDE-5 inhibitor is present in a core which is coated with a release rate-controlling membrane, provided that the formulation does not consist essentially of sildenafil, low molecular weight polyethylene oxide, hydroxypropylmethyl cellulose, tabletting excipients, and optionally one or more enteric polymers.